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we will show you a family where newspapers and periodicals are plenty. Nobody who has been without these private tutors can know their educational power for good or evil. Have you ever thought of the innumerable topics of discussion which they suggest at the breakfast table; the important public measures with which, thus early, our children become acquainted; the great philanthropic questions of the day, to which unconsciously, their attention is awakened, and the general spirit of intelligence which is evoked by those quiet visitors. Anything that makes home pleasant, cheerful and happy, thins the haunts of vice, and the thousand and one avenues of temptation, should certainly be regarded when we consider its influence on the minds of the young, as a great social and moral light.'

**THE COTTON TAX.**—The Supreme Court is to meet in Washington in a few days. The Mobile "Register" says that one of the most important cases to come before it for decision at the pending term is the question of the constitutionality of the late tax on raw cotton, a tax laid by congress as a measure of vengeance against the South. There are several millions of claims to be preferred at once against the Government for the reclamation of the amount collected, provided the judicial decision shall be adverse to the Government. The prevailing opinion at the South is that the court will declare the act unconstitutional, but we cannot help remembering that the court has not for many years rendered a decision that required boldness and courage. Some mode of evasion has been discovered whenever evasion has seemed desirable.

**B** Cognac, the great brandy town, is said to be one of the wealthiest in proportion to its size in the world. In 1868 it exported above 9,000,000 gallons of brandy, almost all of which went to England. The value of this liquor was a little more than \$9,000,000, or just about at the rate of a dollar a gallon. The promise of the present year's crop of wine is good. The population of Cognac is about 24,000.

The "New York Express" estimates the cotton crop of this year at 3 500,000 bales, all told. If the opinion of the "Express" is shared by the people of the North, we may no longer wonder at the present ruling prices of the staple. We should say that the "Express" is a long way ahead of the music.

**HOG CHOLERA.**—John Reed of Missouri gives it as his opinion in *Prairie Farmer*, that this is a disease of the lungs. The first symptom is a cough, and as the disease progresses the subjects breathe with difficulty, and finally seem to choke to death, or, in the worst form, bleed at the nose. Two years ago he had six hogs down with the "cholera" very badly. He saved all but one. This one he examined very carefully, and could find no sign of disease, except in the lungs, which were full of small, white spots of matter, about the size of pin-heads. The hog had choked to death. He fed the six hogs with copperas, sulphur and arsenic.

**SAV.** A colored woman named Mary Stile, confined in the County jail was safely delivered yesterday morn'g of a son and daughter. The daughter is as black as the ace of spades, and the son is as white as any one of the descendants of the Puritans who landed at Plymouth rock a long time ago. — *Savannah Republican*.

**THE COTTON TAX UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**  
A circular has been issued from a law firm in Washington that it is now certain that the Supreme Bench, with one exception, is of opinion that the cotton tax is unconstitutional. A case is to be made in December, and no doubt is entertained of the result. Such a decision will be worth fifteen millions of dollars to the planters and others in Georgia who have paid this tax.—*Intelligencer.*

**Rev. Josh Billings** says: "If I was in the habit of swearing, I wouldn't hesitate to cuss a bed-bug right to his face."

**TAVER** him little who praises all; him least who censures all; and him least who is indifferent about all.

**MARRAGING** a woman for her beauty is like eating a bird for its sweet singing.

**Rev. David Humphreys** died at his residence, in Anderson, on Tuesday night, the 28th September, in the 76th year of his age.

**A FIRM** faith is the best divinity; a good life is the best philosophy; a clear conscience the best law; honesty the best policy.

**TRUTH** is so sin we can be tempted to commit, but we shall find a greater satisfaction in resisting the temptation.